

In the Matter of

John M. White and Lisa White Patton

## Transferors

## The KanOkla Telephone Association

Transferee

For the Transfer of Control of Shidler Telephone Company, which provides interstate interexchange and exchange access services in Oklahoma pursuant to a blanket domestic Section 214 authorization

WC Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Wireline Competition Bureau

## STREAMLINED APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF DOMESTIC BLANKET SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION

John M. White and Lisa White Patton (collectively "Transferors"); and The KanOkla Telephone Association, a Kansas corporation, authorized to do business in Oklahoma ("KanOkla" or "Transferee"; FRN: 00004-3623-64) (Transferors and KanOkla collectively referred to as "Applicants") hereby request Commission authorization for the transfer of control of Shidler Telephone Company ("Shidler"; FRN: 0003-7080-54), a rural incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC"), which provides local exchange service and exchange access services in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to blanket domestic Section 214 authorization, from Transferors to KanOkla.

Shidler is an Oklahoma corporation that provides local exchange service and exchange

access service as an ILEC in rural portions of the county of Osage in northcentral Oklahoma.

KanOkla is a Kansas corporation, authorized to do business in Oklahoma, which provides local exchange service and exchange access service as an ILEC in seven exchanges in rural northern Oklahoma and ten exchanges in southcentral Kansas.

The proposed transaction is a stock purchase and sale. Transferors, who presently own 100.00 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of Shidler, propose to transfer all of their stock in Shidler to KanOkla. By acquiring all of the issued and outstanding stock of Shidler, KanOkla will acquire control of the blanket Section 214 authorization of Shidler.

This application qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's Rules.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 63.04(a) of the Commission's Rules, the Applicants submit the following information:

**(1) Name, address and telephone number of each applicant:**

**Transferors:**

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Shidler, OK 74652  
Telephone: (918) 645-3638  
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And:

Lisa White Patton  
PO Box 111  
Shidler, OK 74652  
Telephone: (918) 645-3091  
Facsimile: (918) 793-7211

**Transferee :**

Dana Pierce, Chief Executive Officer  
 The KanOkla Telephone Association  
 100 KanOkla Avenue  
 Caldwell, KS 67022  
 Telephone: (620) 845-5682  
 Facsimile: (620) 845-5636

**(2) Government, state or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized:**

Shidler Telephone Company is an Oklahoma corporation.

The KanOkla Telephone Association is a Kansas corporation, authorized to do business in Oklahoma.

**(3) Name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact person to whom correspondence concerning the application is to be addressed:****For Transferor:**

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 c/o Shidler Telephone Company  
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 Shidler, OK 74652  
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**For Transferee:**

Dana Pierce, Chief Executive Officer  
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**(4) Name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities:**

**The KanOkla Telephone Association (Before and After Transaction)**

The names, addresses, citizenship and principal businesses of the only entity that owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity and voting power of KanOkla before the proposed transaction are:

The KanOkla Telephone Association is a member owned cooperative and no individual member will own ten (10) percent or more of the equity and voting power of KanOkla both before and after the proposed transaction.

**Shidler Telephone Company (Before Transaction)**

The names, addresses, citizenship and principal businesses of the only entity that owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity and voting power of Shidler before the proposed transaction are:

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Voting &amp; Equity</u>	<u>Citizenship</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
John M. White 120 Broadway Shidler, OK 74652	50.00%	<u>U.S.A.</u>	<u>Telecommunications</u>
Lisa White Patton 120 Broadway Shidler, OK 74652	50.00%	<u>U.S.A.</u>	<u>Telecommunications</u>

**Shidler Telephone Company (After Transaction)**

The names, addresses, citizenship and principal businesses of the only entity that owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity and voting power of Shidler before the proposed transaction are:

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Voting &amp; Equity</u>	<u>Citizenship</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
The KanOkla Telephone Association 100 KanOkla Avenue Caldwell, KS 67022	100.00%	KS corp. authorized to do business in OK	Telecommunications

**(5) Certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§1.2001 through 1.2003 that no party to the application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.**

John M. White, Lisa White Patton and KanOkla hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§1.2001 through 1.2003, that no party to the present application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

**(6) Description of the transaction:**

KanOkla is acquiring all of issued and outstanding common stock of Shidler owned by John M. White and Lisa White Patton (which constitutes 100.00 percent of Shidler's issued and outstanding stock). Purchase of this stock will give KanOkla control of Shidler and its assets, including Shidler's blanket domestic Section 214 authorization.

**(7) Description of the geographic areas in which the transferor and transferee (and their affiliates) offer domestic telecommunications services, and what services are provided in each area:**

**Areas and Services of Shidler Telephone Company and Affiliates.**

Shidler provides local exchange service and exchange access service as an ILEC (approximately 561 access lines) in and around the communities of Foraker, Grainola, Shidler, Webb City and Wynona in the counties of Osage and Kay in rural northcentral Oklahoma.

Shidler offers digital subscriber line ("DSL") Internet access services throughout most of its telephone service area.

Shidler Telephone Internet, LLC  
120 Broadway  
Shidler, OK 74652

Shidler Telephone Internet, LLC provides high speed internet service throughout Shidler's service area.

Shidler Telephone Video, LLC  
120 Broadway  
Shidler, OK 74652

Shidler Telephone Video, LLC was formed to someday provide video service throughout Shidler's service area but to date it has not provided any services and is currently inactive.

Shidler has no ownership interests in any other entity that offers domestic telecommunications services.

### **Areas and Services of KanOkla and Affiliates**

The KanOkla Telephone Association  
100 KanOkla Avenue  
Caldwell, KS 67022

-KanOkla provides local exchange service and exchange access service as an ILEC (approximately 856 access lines in Oklahoma and approximately 1592 access lines in Kansas) in and around the communities of Braman, Capron, Goltry, Hunnewell, Jet, Manchester, Nescatunga and Renfrow, in the counties of Alfalfa, Grant, Garfield, Kay, Major and Woods, Oklahoma and Hardtner, Waldron, Bluff City, Freeport, Caldwell, Mayfield, Corbin, South Haven and Geuda Springs, in the counties of Barber, Harper, Sumner and Cowley, Kansas.

Cellular Network Partnership,  
an Oklahoma limited partnership, d/b/a Pioneer Cellular  
108 E. Robberts Ave, PO Box 539  
Kingfisher, OK 73750

-KanOkla has a 24.05% limited partnership interest in Cellular Network Partnership ("CNP"; FRN: 0001-6963-19). CNP is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") carrier providing "mobile service" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(27). CNP provides interstate telecommunications services as defined in 47 U.S.C. §254(d) and 47 C.F.R. §54.703(a). CNP is a Partnership Group comprised of OT&T Communications, KanOkla Telephone Association, South Central Communications of Kansas, and Hinton Cellular Company. CNP provides services utilizing 4G LTE; 3G EVDO Rev to customers in 37 counties in western and southwestern Oklahoma and 14 counties in southern Kansas.

Kansas Fiber Network  
8201 E 34th St Cir N, Bldg 1500  
Wichita, KS 67226

-KanOkla has a 3.5434% member in Kansas Fiber Network ("KFN"; FRN 0019-5295-69). KFN provides wholesale connectivity to rural telephone companies, regional and national carriers, as well as medical, government and education industries, enabling them to provide advanced broadband and telecommunications services to rural Kansas. KFN is owned by 29 independent rural telephone companies.

**(8) Statement as to how the application fits into one or more of the presumptive streamlined categories in section 63.03 or why it is otherwise appropriate for streamlined**

**treatment:**

This application fits within the presumptive streamlined categories in Section 63.03(b) of the Commission's Rules, and streamlined treatment is requested. Specifically, the proposed transaction fits within Section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) because KanOkla and its affiliates do not serve overlapping or adjacent service areas with and Shidler and its affiliates and when aggregated the applicants serve fewer than two (2) percent of the nation's subscriber lines. Please see the attached maps, marked identification as Attachment "A", showing the service areas of KanOkla, Shidler and CNP.

**(9) Identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction:**

NONE

**(10) Statement of whether the applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure:**

No party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure at this time. Therefore, the Applicants are not requesting special consideration because a party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure.

**(11) Identification of any separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction:**

No separately filed waivers or waiver requests are being sought in conjunction with the proposed transaction.

**(12) Statement showing how grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, including any additional information that may be necessary to show the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in domestic markets:**

The proposed transaction will bring synergies that will result in efficiencies and reduced costs to the consumers of Shidler. KanOkla's management team has extensive experience in the design and deployment of broadband and granting the application will allow their management team to design and deploy a network that will make higher speeds and more capacity available throughout Shidler's service territory.

**Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing facts and public interest considerations, the Commission is respectfully requested to authorize the transfer of control of the blanket domestic Section 214 authorization of Shidler Telephone Company, Inc. from John M. White and Lisa White Patton

to The KanOkla Telephone Association.

John M. White and Lisa White Patton and The KanOkla Telephone Association reiterate that they certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§1.2001 through 1.2003, that no party to the present application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

**JOHN M. WHITE**

By: *John M. White*

Date: 3-29-17

**LISA WHITE PATTON**

By: *Lisa White Patton*

Date: 3-29-2017

**THE KANOKLA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION**

By: *Dana L. Pierce*

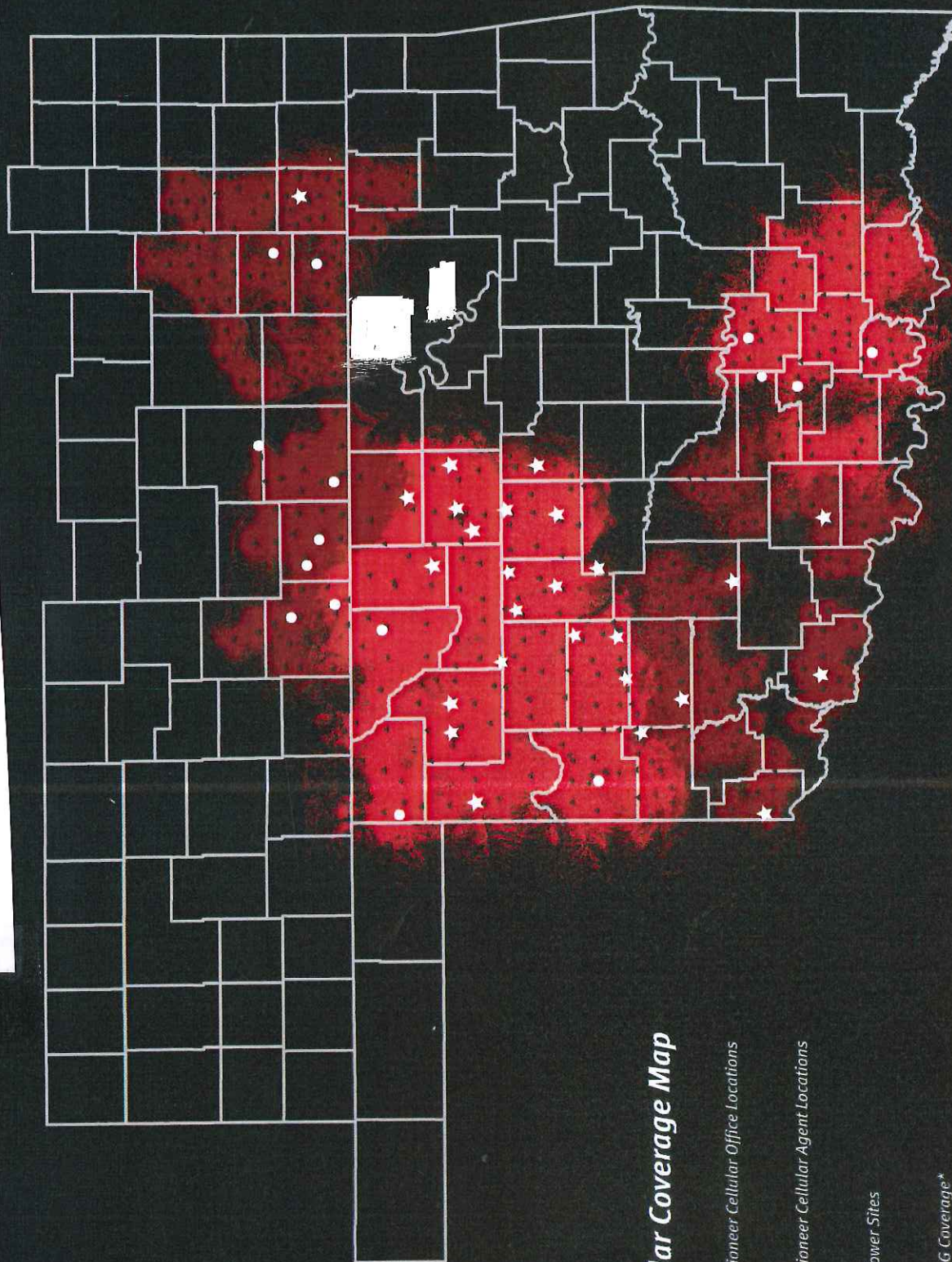
Name: Dana Pierce

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 3-30-17

# Attachment “A”

CNP coverage shown in red; Shidler exchanges shown in white.



## Cellular Coverage Map

★ Pioneer Cellular Office Locations

● Pioneer Cellular Agent Locations

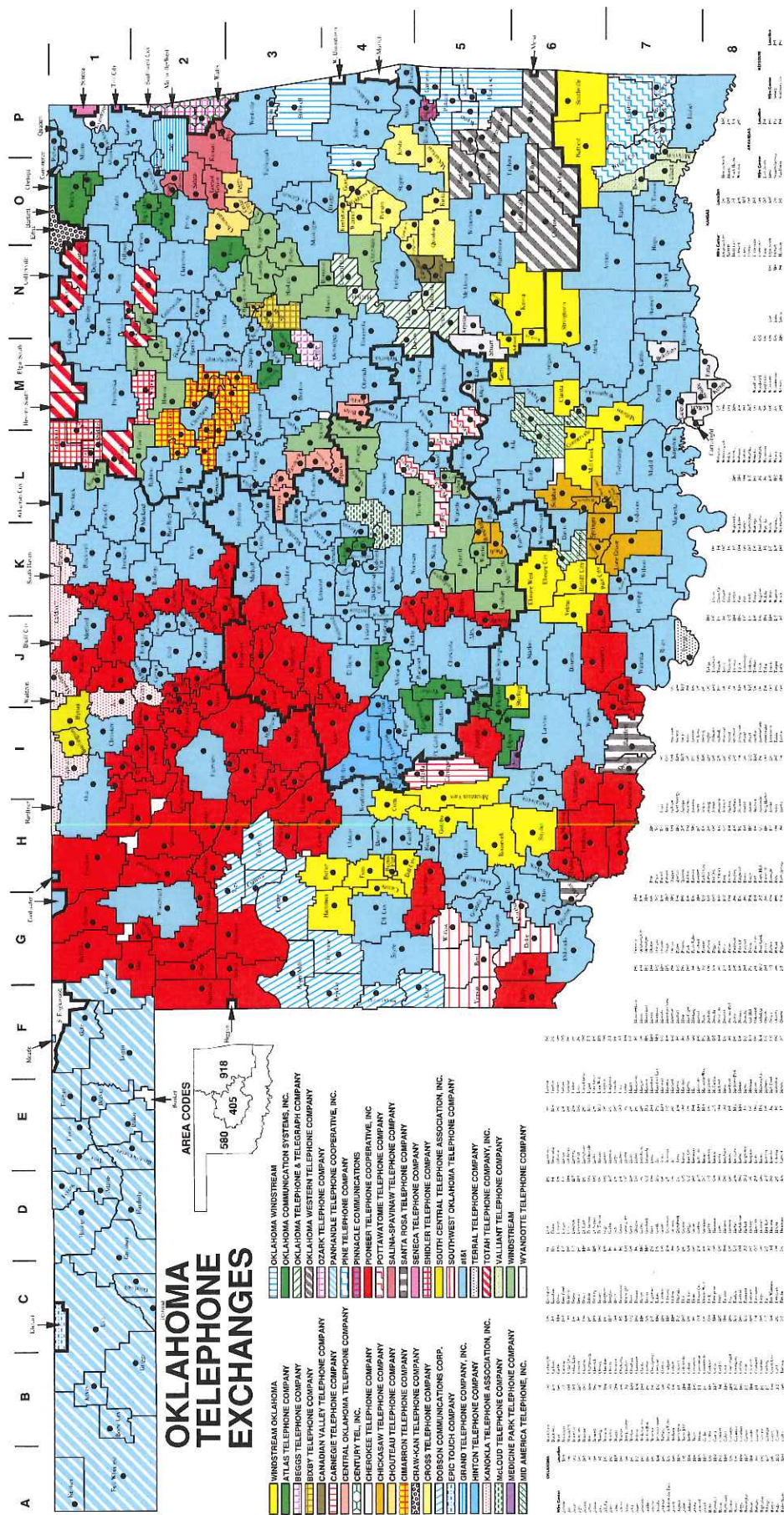
△ Tower Sites

■ 4G Coverage\*

■ 3G Coverage

Pioneer Cellular service area covers more than 100,000 square miles in 47 counties in Oklahoma and 14 counties in southern Kansas.

\* Nationwide 4G LTE service is provided by Verizon Wireless in partnership with the LTE Rural-America Program.



## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sylvia Lesse, of Communications Advisory Counsel, LLC, do hereby verify that on this 30th day of March, 2017, I caused to be sent via First Class US Mail, postage prepaid, the foregoing "STREAMLINED APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF DOMESTIC BLANKET SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION" to the following:

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